



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 12

**Meeting Date:** 8-14-2006

**Meeting Location:** Connersville DCS Office

**Council Members Present:** Gene Sanford Director, Union County; Judge Willis, Henry County; Judge Pflum, Fayette County; Jennifer Munden, FCM Henry County; Terry Suttle Director, Franklin/Rush County; Jean Cates Director, Wayne County; Vickie Jones, Region 12 Manager

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Cox, Union County; Debbie Van Meter, Fayette County DCS;

**Others In Attendance:** Jon Bennett, Children's Bureau; Gayle Holter, White's; Rebecca Moses, Fayette DCS; Darla Randall, Birth to Five; Mike Fleming, Henry County DCS; Dan Arens, Meridian Services

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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 3:33 PM

1. Jon Bennett- Children's Bureau- Carl Shieb will start 8-21-05. We have \$122,000.00 of additional funds allocated to Community Partners. The question is do we want that for sub contracting or for additional staff. It was decided that additional staff would be the most beneficial. Terry Suttle made the motion and Jean Cates seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The selection of the steering committee is moving along. Some people could not attend the date that had been set so there will be a second date offered for an orientation. They need some parents to be nominated for the committee. Services should begin 10-0-06. Assistance will be needed to interview the liaisons. If interested please let Jon know ASAP. An IL case manager is still being sought if you know someone interested please let Jon know.
2. We need to develop a regional plan. There is some money available to do this but it is probably not enough for the whole project. Is there someone that can do this pro bono or for a small fee for expenses? We need to compile and then analyze the data for strengths, weaknesses, duplications and gaps. It was decided to keep this project on the table for now and review the existing Early Interventions plans.

3. The Voluntary Services phase down was discussed and the power point presentation was distributed.
4. The local budgeting process was reviewed. It was noted that the child welfare services account will need to be reviewed for Jan. 2007 distributions. The services can be completed by agreements if they are under \$75,000 annually. The services must meet the service standards that are listed on the DCS web site.
5. The Newsletter was distributed.
6. The changes to the Regional Services Council protocol were distributed.
7. Other Issues of concern-None noted
8. Public Comment- None made.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:**

**Meeting Adjourned at:**